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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SHARK HUNT EXERCISE

REF: TAIPEI 1304

1. IN LINE WITH OUR GENERAL POLICY OF REDUCING COMBINED EXERCISES WITH THE ROC, DEPT WISHES TO SCALE DOWN SCOPE AND FREQUENCY OF SHARK HUNT EXERCISES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON HOW THIS MIGHT BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED.

2. AS WE RECALL, THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF SHARK HUNT WAS TO PROVIDE ASW TRAINING FOR THE ROC WITH US SUPPLYING THE SUBMARINES FOR THE EXERCISE. WE NOTE THAT THE EXERCISE NOW INVOLVES ASW TRAINING FOR THE US AS WELL AS ROC AND REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF US SURFACE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. MOREOVER, THE SIZE AND FREQUENCY OF THE EXERCISE APPEAR TO BE INCREASING.

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3. REFTTEL INDICATES THAT TWO SHARK HUNTS ARE PLANNED FOR WITHIN A MONTH AND A HALF OF EACH OTHER. WE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY TO ONCE A QUARTER.

4. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS, WE PLAN TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH DOD TO ACHIEVE DESIRED MODIFICATIONS.

WE MAY ALSO ASK YOU TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO TDC.

5. FYI: IN RESPONDING TO DOD'S QUARTERLY EXERCISE
SCHEDULE EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE INFORMED DOD THAT WE WERE
NOT PREPARED TO CONCUR IN THE SCHEDULING OF MORE THAN
TWO BLUESKY EXERCISES PER YEAR.
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